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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-FREE AND REDUCED RATE TRANSPORTATION

REF: STATE 156250

1. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL JULY 24 NOTIFICATION OF MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ON OVERUSE FREE/REDUCED RATE TRANSPORTATION BY ALITALIA, AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED AUGUST 31 REQUESTING EMBASSY INTERVENTION SO THAT 400 PASSENGERS ANNUALLY LIMITATION DOES NOT BECOME APPLICABLE TO ALITALIA.

2. MFA NOTE EXPLAINS THAT SUCH FREE/REDUCED TRANSPORTATION IS BASED ON GOI ORDER AND IS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY YEAR WHICH BEGINS JANUARY 1, 1975. CAB LIMITATION "WOULD BE SERIOUS AND COULD PROVOKE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES".

3. PREPARING FOR MASSIVE INFLUX OF HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS DOES INDEED REQUIRE EXTENSIVE SPECIAL EFFORT, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT (AT LEAST IN PART) FOR RECENT INCREASE IN VOLUME OF FREE/REDUCED RATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY ALITALIA. SUCH SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL EXTEND INTO 1975.

4. UNDER THESE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BELIEVES EXEMPTION

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FOR ALITALIA IS JUSTIFIED FOR REMAINDER 1974 AND FOR FIRST 4-6

MONTHS 1975. AFTER THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER, 400 PASSENGERS  
ANNUALLY LIMITATION SHOULD APPLY.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND CAB VIEWS IN ORDER  
RESPOND TO MFA NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.VOLPE

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